

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-191. (Cancelled)

192. (Previously Presented) A method for combating spam comprising:

 categorizing incoming messages received at at least one gateway into at least first, second and third categories;

 providing spam classifications for incoming messages in at least said first and second categories;

 not immediately providing a spam classification for incoming messages in said third category;

 delaying said incoming messages in said third category for a period of time and thereafter re-classifying said messages based on classifications of incoming messages received during said period; and

 handling said incoming messages based on said spam classifications.

193-194. (Cancelled)